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TAGS: PINT, UK  
SUBJECT: STONEHOUSE OUT -- FINALLY

REF: LONDON 5424

1. FORMER LABOR MP JOHN STONEHOUSE, WHO WAS CONVICTED OF SEVERAL COUNTS OF FRAUD LAST MONTH, CEASED TO BE A MEMBER OF PARLIAMENT AUGUST 27 WHEN HE WAS GRANTED "AN OFFICE OF PROFIT UNDER THE CROWN" (MP'S CANNOT RESIGN AND CAN ONLY RENOUNCE THEIR SEAT BY PETITIONING FOR SUCH AN OFFICE, COMMONLY KNOWN AS REQUESTING "THE CHILTERN HUNDREDS").

2. THIS DEVELOPMENT OFFICIALLY VACATES THE WALSALL NORTH CONSTITUENCY AND COSTS THE COMBINED OPPOSITION ONE SEAT. BY-ELECTION FOR THIS TRADITIONALLY SAFE LABOR SEAT IS EXPECTED IN EARLY NOVEMBER.

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